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Financing of the United Nations Mission in Ethiopia and Eritrea

The General Assembly,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the financing of the United Nations Mission in Ethiopia and Eritrea[1] and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[2]

(a) *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[2] and requests the Secretary-General to ensure their full implementation;

(b) *Approves* the donation of assets of the Mission with an inventory value of 1,398,500 United States dollars and a corresponding residual value of 421,800 dollars to the Government of Ethiopia;

(c) *Also approves* the donation of assets of the Mission with an inventory value of 6,911,400 dollars and corresponding residual value of 1,967,900 dollars to the African Union in support of the African Union Mission in Somalia;

(d) *Decides* to keep under review during its sixty-third session the item entitled "Financing of the United Nations Mission in Ethiopia and Eritrea".

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[2] A/63/761.

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Special subjects relating to the programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009

The General Assembly,

I
United Nations Postal Administration

Recalling section XIV of its resolution 62/238 of 22 December 2007,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the contingent liability reserve for the United Nations Postal Administration[1] and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[2]

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on the contingent liability reserve for the United Nations Postal Administration;[1]

2. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions[2] subject to the provisions of the present resolution;

3. *Takes note* of paragraph 8 of the report of the Advisory Committee;[2]

4. *Decides* not to create a reserve for contingent liabilities for postal services;

II
Standards of accommodation for air travel

Recalling its resolution 42/214 of 21 December 1987, section IV, paragraph 14, of its resolution 53/214 of 18 December 1998, section IV of its resolution

[1] A/63/320.
[2] A/63/568.

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60/255 of 8 May 2006 and section XV of its resolution 62/238 of 22 December 2007, and its decision 57/589 of 18 June 2003,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on standards of accommodation for air travel[3] and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[4]

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on standards of accommodation for air travel;[3]

2. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;[4]

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General to explore all possible options, including the use of mileage points accumulated from official travel, for reducing the cost of air travel, and to present his conclusions thereon in the context of the comprehensive report referred to in paragraph 7 of the report of the Advisory Committee;[4]

III

Business continuity management

Recalling section VII of its resolution 62/238 of 22 December 2007,

Recalling its resolution 63/262 of 24 December 2008,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the revised estimates relating to the programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009 under sections 3, 17, 18, 20, 21, 27, 28C, 28D, 28E, 28F, 28G, 33 and 35 related to business continuity management[5] and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[6]

Recognizing the multiplicity of risks currently facing the United Nations and its increasing dependency on information and communications technology systems,

Noting the complementarities and the close linkages between disaster recovery for information and communications technology and business continuity management,

Emphasizing the importance of close coordination of business continuity management policies among all United Nations entities, and of systematically sharing and exploiting lessons learned and best practices on a system-wide basis,

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General;[5]

2. *Takes note* of the work undertaken and progress achieved so far by the Secretary-General on business continuity management in response to the business risks faced by the United Nations;

3. *Takes note* of the establishment by the Secretary-General of the Senior Emergency Policy Team and the Crisis Operations Group;

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[3] A/63/524.

[4] A/63/715.

[5] A/63/359 and Corr.1.

[6] A/63/584.

4. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[6] subject to the provisions of the present resolution;

5. *Reaffirms* paragraphs 6 and 12 of section IV of its resolution 63/262, and stresses the need for a comprehensive, unified and multi-hazard approach to business continuity;

6. *Notes* that the proposals of the Secretary-General on business continuity overlap and duplicate proposals contained in other reports, in particular on information and communications technology;

7. *Requests* the Secretary-General to further develop and justify the approach as set out in his report,[5] including by clarifying the relationship with other initiatives, in particular on information and communications technology, and the roles of the various actors in the process, with a view to avoiding a piecemeal approach to business continuity;

8. *Requests* the Secretary-General to ensure that all departments and offices of the United Nations Secretariat, offices away from Headquarters and the regional commissions have business continuity plans in place and that the respective heads of departments and offices of the United Nations Secretariat and of the offices away from Headquarters and regional commissions are held accountable for their implementation;

9. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to ensure that lessons learned within the Secretariat for human influenza pandemic preparedness are taken into account as the work on business continuity management is implemented;

10. *Further requests* the Secretary-General to ensure a coordinated approach to business continuity management between the United Nations Secretariat, offices away from Headquarters and the regional commissions, including systematic support, appropriate coordination structures and regular consultations between the business continuity management focal points in New York and in other duty stations;

11. *Stresses* the need to draw upon the experiences of other United Nations entities in formulating the business continuity strategy;

12. *Also stresses* the importance of cooperation with host country authorities both at Headquarters and all other duty stations;

13. *Requests* the Secretary-General to strive for economies of scale through coordination among organizations within the United Nations system on relevant issues, including the use of backup centres for information and communications technology, the use of consultants, the procurement of specialized equipment and medical supplies and training;

14. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to take all necessary steps to ensure that medical supplies and materials, including vaccines and antibiotics, are procured in compliance with the relevant provisions of resolution 62/269, in particular, among others, paragraph 20 thereof;

15. *Takes note* of paragraphs 14 to 16 and 19 to 21 of the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;[6]

16. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit a fully justified proposal for post and non-post resources in relation to the work currently under way on business continuity management in the context of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2010-2011;

17. *Requests* the Secretary-General to report in the context of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2012-2013 on progress made;

IV

Estimates in respect of special political missions, good offices and other political initiatives authorized by the General Assembly and/or the Security Council

Recalling its resolution 62/237 A of 22 December 2007, section V of its resolution 62/238 of 22 December 2007, its resolution 62/245 of 3 April 2008 and section XI of its resolution 63/263 of 24 December 2008,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the estimates in respect of special political missions, good offices and other political initiatives authorized by the General Assembly and/or the Security Council[7] and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[8]

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General;[7]

2. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[8] subject to the provisions of the present resolution;

3. *Takes note* of the revised narrative and logical framework for the budget of the Special Envoy of the Secretary-General for the implementation of Security Council resolution 1559 (2004) for the period 1 January to 31 December 2009, and of paragraphs 28 and 29 (e) of the related report of the Advisory Committee;[8]

4. *Approves* the revised budgets totalling $26,848,900 for the United Nations Representative on the International Advisory and Monitoring Board, the United Nations International Independent Investigation Commission and the United Nations Mission in Nepal presented in the report of the Secretary-General;[7]

5. *Takes note* of the balance of $17,973,900 under the appropriation for these missions for the biennium 2008-2009 based on actual expenditures incurred in 2008;

6. *Decides* to appropriate, after taking into account the unencumbered balance of $17,973,900 for the three missions mentioned in paragraph 4 above, under the procedures provided for in paragraph 11 of annex I to resolution 41/213 of 19 December 1986, an amount of $8,875,000 under section 3, Political affairs, of the programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009;

7. *Also decides* to appropriate an amount of $1,663,100 under section 35, Staff assessment, to be offset by a corresponding amount under income section 1, Income from staff assessment, of the programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009;

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[7] A/63/346/Add.6.

[8] A/63/779.

8. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit a revised budget proposal for the United Nations Political Office for Somalia for 2009 for consideration by the General Assembly during the second part of its resumed sixty-third session.

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Information and communications technology, disaster recovery and business continuity for the United Nations: arrangements for the secondary data centre at Headquarters

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 63/262 of 24 December 2008,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on information and communications technology, disaster recovery and business continuity for the United Nations: arrangements for the secondary data centre at Headquarters[1] and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[2]

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General;[1]

2. *Reaffirms* the need for a global operational framework to enable the United Nations to respond effectively to emergency situations that may impair operations of critical elements of its information and communications technology and facilities;

3. *Encourages* the Secretary-General to take a unified approach to disaster recovery and business continuity, utilizing all available infrastructure, in order to achieve economies of scale and cost efficiencies;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General to ensure that the United Nations uses enterprise data centres rather than local data centres as far as possible;

5. *Notes with concern* the continued deficiencies in the planning and management of the project;

6. *Regrets* that the proposal of the Secretary-General did not provide the necessary assurances that its implementation would sufficiently mitigate risks,

[1] A/63/743.
[2] A/63/774.

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including risks related to the physical security of data, during the relocation of the primary data centre to the North Lawn;

7. *Requests* the Secretary-General, when utilizing the services of the International Computing Centre, to ensure compliance with all regulations and rules regarding procurement, in order to guarantee the cost-effectiveness of the services provided by the Centre;

8. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[2] subject to the provisions of the present resolution;

9. *Reiterates* its request to the Secretary-General, expressed in section IV, paragraph 7, of its resolution 63/262, to ensure that the leased space is fully utilized if it is not possible to terminate the lease;

10. *Notes with concern* that the delays caused by the lack of reliable disaster recovery and business continuity services for Headquarters may lead to further cost escalation, including to the capital master plan, and risk to data;

11. *Decides* that any further proposal for risk mitigation measures to protect data and the information and communications systems of the Secretariat during the construction work of the capital master plan, if any is necessary, shall be reported in the context of the annual progress report of the capital master plan;

12. *Requests* the Secretary-General to absorb $5,096,880 within the approved budget of the capital master plan, and decides that $2,031,860 shall be financed from the resources to be approved for the support account for peacekeeping operations for the period from 1 July 2009 to 30 June 2010 in order to pursue the most reliable and cost-effective risk mitigation measures during the migration of the primary data centre to the North Lawn;

13. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to carry out a classification of critical/non-critical systems of the Secretariat and to provide to the General Assembly an inventory of systems classified according to their degree of criticality at the time of its consideration of the proposal for a permanent secondary data centre;

14. *Further requests* the Secretary-General to ensure that the level of protection proposed has been subject to a thorough cost/benefit analysis;

15. *Recalls* paragraph 12 of section IV of resolution 63/262, and requests the Secretary-General to submit a unified disaster recovery and business continuity plan, including a permanent solution for Headquarters, no later than the main part of its sixty-fifth session.

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Capital master plan

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 54/249 of 23 December 1999, 55/238 of 23 December 2000, 56/234 and 56/236 of 24 December 2001, 56/286 of 27 June 2002, section II of its resolution 57/292 of 20 December 2002, its resolution 59/295 of 22 June 2005, section II of its resolution 60/248 of 23 December 2005, its resolutions 60/256 of 8 May 2006, 60/282 of 30 June 2006, 61/251 of 22 December 2006, 62/87 of 10 December 2007 and section II.B of its resolution 63/248 of 24 December 2008, and its decision 58/566 of 8 April 2004,

Recognizing the importance of ensuring that persons with disabilities have access to the physical environment on an equal basis with others,

Having considered the sixth annual progress report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the capital master plan,[1] the report of the Secretary-General on associated costs related to the capital master plan,[2] the report of the Board of Auditors on the capital master plan for the year ended 31 December 2007,[3] the report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the recommendations of the Board of Auditors on the capital master plan,[4] the annual report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services for the period from 1 July 2007 to 30 June 2008,[5] the report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on the

[1] A/63/477.
[2] A/63/582.
[3] *Official Records of the General Assembly, Sixty-third Session, Supplement No. 5* (A/63/5), vol. V.
[4] A/63/327 (sect. III).
[5] A/63/302 (Part I) (sect. IV.A).

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comprehensive audit of the capital master plan[6] and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[7]

1. *Takes note* of the sixth annual progress report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the capital master plan,[1] the report of the Secretary-General on associated costs related to the capital master plan,[2] the report of the Board of Auditors on the capital master plan for the year ended 31 December 2007,[3] the report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the recommendations of the Board of Auditors on the capital master plan,[4] the annual report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services for the period from 1 July 2007 to 30 June 2008[5] and the report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on the comprehensive audit of the capital master plan;[6]

2. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[7] subject to the provisions of the present resolution;

3. *Accepts* the report of the Board of Auditors on the capital master plan for the year ended 31 December 2007;[3]

4. *Approves* the recommendations of the Board of Auditors contained in its report;[3]

5. *Reiterates its serious concern* at the hazards, risks and deficiencies of the United Nations Headquarters building in its current condition, which endanger the safety, health and well-being of staff, delegations, visitors and tourists;

6. *Stresses* the special role of the host country Government with regard to support for United Nations Headquarters, in New York;

7. *Notes* the benefits, including economic ones, accruing to host countries from the presence of the United Nations, and the costs incurred;

8. *Recalls* the current practices of host Governments with regard to support for United Nations Headquarters and United Nations bodies located in their territories;

9. *Takes note* of paragraph 21 of the sixth annual progress report[1] and recalls paragraph 23 of the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[7] and stresses that any arrangement with the host country shall safeguard the integrity of the relevant body of international law, including the Headquarters Agreement between the United Nations and the host country and the Convention on the Privileges and Immunities of the United Nations;[8]

I

Sixth annual progress report

Financial management

1. *Requests* the Secretary-General to ensure by all means that project costs are brought back within the approved budget;

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[6] A/63/266.

[7] A/63/736.

[8] See General Assembly resolution 22A (I).

2. *Reiterates its request* that the Secretary-General make every effort to avoid budget increases through sound project management practices and to ensure that the capital master plan is completed within the budget as approved in its resolution 61/251;

Value engineering

3. *Welcomes* the success of value engineering activities in identifying over 100 million United States dollars in potential cost savings;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General to include detailed information on the following in his seventh annual progress report:

(a) Value engineering activities, as well as costs and fees;

(b) The advantages that could potentially be realized as a result of the prevailing market conditions;

(c) A cost-benefit analysis of any additional sustainability options;

5. *Encourages* the Secretary-General to continue finding efficiency gains and cost reductions throughout the implementation of the capital master plan;

6. *Emphasizes* that the value engineering exercise shall not undermine the quality, durability and sustainability of the materials used, the original design of the Headquarters or the commitment of the project to the highest standards of safety, health and well-being of staff and delegations, in particular with regard to the handling of asbestos;

Schedule

7. *Notes* the delay in the process of relocating Secretariat staff to office swing space, and requests the Secretary-General to ensure that the current schedule is adhered to as a matter of urgency;

8. *Recalls* paragraph 14 of the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[7] and urges the Secretary-General to take all necessary steps to avoid any further slippage in the relocation schedule in order to prevent costly delays, including those which may disrupt the work of the General Assembly;

Sustainability

9. *Welcomes* the implementation of projects relating to sustainability approved by the General Assembly, and notes that those projects are being pursued within existing resources;

10. *Requests* the Secretary-General to continue to consider cost-beneficial ways of improving energy efficiency and lowering energy consumption and to report thereon in his seventh annual progress report;

11. *Recalls* paragraph 10 of its resolution 61/251 and paragraph 37 of its resolution 62/87, and reaffirms that any scope options in addition to those already approved by the General Assembly shall be submitted by the Secretary-General to the Assembly for its consideration and approval;

Procurement

12. *Reaffirms* its resolution 62/269 of 20 June 2008, and requests the Secretary-General to comply fully with the relevant provisions contained therein;

13. *Recalls* paragraph 33 of its resolution 62/269, and stresses that, until a decision is taken by the General Assembly on the issue of environmentally friendly and sustainable procurement, the Secretary-General shall not use any criteria that unduly restrict the ability of vendors to participate in procurement processes owing to environmental friendliness or sustainability requirements;

14. *Notes* the lack of diversification in the origin of vendors subcontracted by the construction manager of the capital master plan and also notes that no procurement contract has been awarded to vendors from developing countries or countries with economies in transition;

15. *Reiterates its requests* in its resolutions 61/276 of 29 June 2007 and 62/269 that the Secretary-General continue to explore additional innovative ways to promote procurement from developing countries and countries with economies in transition and to identify obstacles preventing their participation in United Nations procurement contracts and to report on concrete measures taken in this regard;

16. *Reaffirms* paragraph 18 of its resolution 62/87 on procurement opportunities for developing countries and countries with economies in transition, as well as paragraph 28 of its resolution 62/269 relating to bidding by joint ventures, and reiterates its request that the Secretary-General submit a report in this regard for consideration by the General Assembly at its sixty-fourth session;

17. *Requests* the Secretary-General to ensure that the construction manager, in consultation with the Procurement Division of the Department of Management, prepares and implements an action plan to promote procurement opportunities for contractors and vendors from developing countries and countries with economies in transition and to include detailed information on the action plan and its implementation in his forthcoming annual progress reports;

18. *Reaffirms* paragraphs 19 to 23 of its resolution 62/87, and requests the Secretary-General to continue to report on their implementation in the annual progress reports on the capital master plan;

19. *Requests* the Secretary-General to review all expression of interest notices and bids issued by the construction manager in order to ensure that their contents fully comply with the relevant General Assembly resolutions and do not unduly restrict the diversification of the origin of vendors;

20. *Notes* that some measures taken to avoid delays in the capital master plan procurement process, in particular the ex post facto review of contracts, risk having a negative impact in terms of internal controls, and requests the Secretary-General to ensure that the procurement processes are in full compliance with the Financial Regulations and Rules of the United Nations;[9]

21. *Also notes* that the Office of Internal Oversight Services is engaged in the preparation of a comprehensive report on all aspects of the procurement process related to the capital master plan, and in this regard requests the Secretary-General

[9] ST/SGB/2003/7.

to entrust the Office to include in its report factors that may restrict the diversification of the origin of vendors, including the current subcontracting process, local regulations, labour laws and sustainability options, as well as on vendors' compliance with existing rules and regulations of the United Nations and general conditions of contract, and to report thereon to the General Assembly at its sixty-fourth session;

Health and safety

22. *Reaffirms* its commitment to the safety, security, health and well-being of staff, delegations, visitors and tourists at the United Nations, and requests the Secretary-General to ensure that concrete safeguards for the achievement of those objectives are in place and are part of the standard operating procedures throughout the implementation of the capital master plan;

23. *Requests* the Secretary-General to ensure, in particular, strict compliance with the highest applicable standards for the handling of asbestos, and to report to the General Assembly on measures taken in this regard in the context of the forthcoming annual reports and the regular briefings on the implementation of the capital master plan;

24. *Reaffirms* its resolution 63/8 of 3 November 2008, and in this regard requests the Secretary-General to designate sheltered smoking areas in order to make the renovated United Nations Headquarters premises smoke-free;

Donations

25. *Decides* not to endorse the donation policy related to the capital master plan, and requests the Secretary-General to make new proposals in this regard that allow all Member States, without distinction or conditions, to make donations, in full conformity with the international and intergovernmental character of the Organization as well as the Financial Regulations and Rules of the United Nations[9] and without prejudice to the scope, specifications and design of the project, and to report thereon to the General Assembly;

26. *Stresses* that the donations shall be used, where possible, to offset approved estimated costs of the project, as well as associated costs approved by the General Assembly;

27. *Requests* the Secretary-General to develop a gift registry accessible by all staff members in the Secretariat for declaring gifts received from governmental and non-governmental sources;

28. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to promulgate an administrative issuance on policies and procedures addressing the acceptance, reporting, recording, storing and disposing of gifts accepted by the Organization in the context of relocations related to the capital master plan;

29. *Reaffirms* paragraphs 44 and 45 of its resolution 62/87, and requests the Secretary-General to fully ensure the appropriate handling of works of art, masterpieces and other gifts throughout all stages of construction work;

Parking

30. *Reaffirms* paragraph 10 of its resolution 61/251, by which it approved the capital master plan and its budget, including the resources for additional scope options, in particular the structural strengthening of various components of the existing structure to provide greater blast resistance;

31. *Also reaffirms* paragraph 37 of its resolution 62/87, in which it decided that any scope options in addition to those already approved by the General Assembly should be submitted by the Secretary-General to the Assembly for its consideration and approval;

32. *Further reaffirms* that the General Assembly has the sole prerogative of deciding on any changes to the capital master plan project, budget and implementation strategy, as approved in its resolutions;

33. *Notes with concern* the existing difficulties with regard to the availability of parking at the United Nations, and requests the Secretary-General to ensure that the total number of parking spaces available to Member States will not diminish upon the completion of the capital master plan;

Accessibility

34. *Recalls* paragraph 5 of its resolutions 61/106 of 13 December 2006 and paragraph 5 of its resolution 62/170 of 18 December 2007;

35. *Requests* the Secretary-General to provide specific information in his next annual report about the measures taken to eliminate physical, communication or technical barriers to persons with disabilities at United Nations Headquarters in the framework of the capital master plan;

36. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to ensure that measures to be taken in the context of the capital master plan with a view to applying host city building, fire and safety codes do not violate the provisions of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities,[10] especially those related to accessibility, and also requests the Secretary-General to report on this subject in future annual progress reports;

Oversight

37. *Reaffirms* paragraphs 16 and 17 of its resolution 62/87, and stresses the importance of ensuring effective oversight and audit coverage of the implementation of the capital master plan;

38. *Requests* the Secretary-General to develop adequate and effective tools to permanently monitor essential elements of progress made in the context of the implementation of the capital master plan, including a summary scoreboard to describe the development of the project at any given time, and to include detailed information on such tools in forthcoming annual progress reports;

[10] Resolution 61/106.

Advisory board

39. *Regrets* that the advisory board requested in its resolutions 57/292, 61/251 and 62/87 has not yet been established;

40. *Decides* that the advisory board shall be established no later than 31 December 2009, as originally intended, within its current mandate and in accordance with the provisions of paragraph 26 of its resolution 62/87;

41. *Also decides* that if the advisory board has not been established by 31 December 2009, the General Assembly will appoint five members, one from each regional group, for a non-renewable term of four years, and in that event will request the Secretary-General to seek candidatures from Member States;

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42. *Requests* the Secretary-General to continue to report on the status of the project, the schedule, the projected completion cost, the status of contributions, the working capital reserve, the status of the advisory board and the letter of credit in his seventh annual progress report;

II
Associated costs

1. *Recalls* paragraph 34 of the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[7] and notes with concern that a number of the requirements set out in the report of the Secretary-General on associated costs[2] do not relate directly to the capital master plan, but rather are investment costs and long-term commitments;

2. *Decides* that the approved associated costs for the capital master plan will be financed from within the approved budget of the capital master plan unless otherwise specified by the General Assembly;

3. *Decides* not to approve the overall level of associated costs at this time, bearing in mind opportunities for further cost reductions posed by the present economic circumstances as well as savings realized by the Secretary-General;

4. *Expresses its regret* that the Secretary-General has entered into commitments for the financial period 2008-2009 for associated costs absent the formal approval of the Assembly, which is inconsistent with the Financial Regulations and Rules of the Organization,[9] and further expresses its concern that the Secretary-General has not complied with paragraph 43 of its resolution 62/87;

5. *Recalls* paragraph 60 of the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[7] and decides not to suspend the provisions for the application of credits under regulations 3.2 (d), 5.3 and 5.4 of the Financial Regulations and Rules of the United Nations;[9]

6. *Also recalls* section B of its resolution 63/248, and regrets that the Secretary-General did not consult Member States on the need to upgrade the broadcast facility, even though the upgrade was conceived long before the conception of the capital master plan;

7. *Requests* the Secretary-General to utilize the existing furniture where possible in a cost-effective manner;

8. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to reduce the projected costs of furniture for the new facilities of the United Nations;

9. *Recalls* paragraph 50 of the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[7] and requests the Secretary-General to make every effort to absorb the associated costs relating to the biennium 2008-2009 from within the overall budget approved for the capital master plan in a total amount of 30,272,400 dollars (net), broken down as follows:

(a) 995,300 dollars relating to the Department for General Assembly and Conference Management;

(b) 3,823,100 dollars relating to the Department of Public Information;

(c) 11,720,100 dollars relating to the Office of Central Support Services;

(d) 1,636,000 dollars relating to the Office of Information and Communications Technology;

(e) 7,576,300 dollars relating to the Department of Safety and Security;

(f) 4,521,600 dollars relating to construction, alteration, improvement and major maintenance activities at Headquarters;

(g) 1,496,300 dollars relating to staff assessment requirements, to be offset by the equivalent amount of income from staff assessment;

and to report the related expenditures in financial statements of the Organization in accordance with established procedures;

10. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly, for its decision at the main part of its sixty-fourth session, in the context of the seventh annual progress report on the implementation of the capital master plan, proposals for financing the associated costs required for the year 2010 from within the approved budget for the capital master plan;

11. *Recalls* section B of its resolution 63/248, and requests the Secretary-General to continue to provide adequate information technology support for conference services, within the existing resources of the Department for General Assembly and Conference Management, in order to ensure their seamless operation throughout the implementation of the capital master plan.

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Human resources management

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Amendments to the Staff Regulations

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 59/266 of 23 December 2004, 61/244 of 22 December 2006, 62/248 of 3 April 2008 and 63/250 of 24 December 2008,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on amendments to the Staff Regulations[1] and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[2]

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on amendments to the Staff Regulations;[1]

2. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[2] subject to the provisions of the present resolution;

3. *Approves* the amendments to the Staff Regulations as contained in the report of the Secretary-General, subject to the provisions of the present resolution and the additional modifications contained in the annex hereto;

4. *Reaffirms* section II of its resolution 63/250;

5. *Stresses* that staff regulation 4.5 (b) does not prejudice the possibility of renewal of a temporary appointment, taking fully into account the provisions of paragraph 7 of section II of its resolution 63/250;

6. *Also stresses* that staff regulation 4.4 shall not preclude consideration of external candidates in filling vacant positions under conditions defined by the

[1] A/63/694
[2] A/63/754

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Secretary-General in accordance with article 101.3 of the Charter and the relevant provisions of its resolutions;

7. *Emphasizes* that the change of the term "personnel" to the term "human resources" in the scope and purpose of the Staff Regulations, as well as in regulations 8.1 and 8.2, is strictly to harmonize the language of the Staff Regulations with the current terminology in effect at the United Nations;

8. *Reaffirms* that staff members who were recruited through the national competitive examinations and language competitive examinations and holding probationary appointments as at 30 June 2009 will be considered for conversion to permanent appointments upon successful completion of their probationary appointments on or after 1 July 2009;

9. *Emphasizes* that nothing in the regulations approved in the present resolution and the annex to it precludes persons with disabilities from being considered for employment under any type of contract in full compliance with the Charter, in particular Article 101.3;

10. *Recalls* paragraph 4 of section II of its resolution 63/250 and stresses that the implementation of the part of the new staff regulation 4.5 concerning conversion to continuing appointments shall require further decisions by the General Assembly on the criteria for eligibility;

11. *Also recalls* paragraph 2 of section I of its resolution 63/250 and stresses the importance of a meaningful and constructive dialogue between staff and management to overcome differences;

12. *Requests* the Secretary-General to report to it at its sixty-fourth session on the full implications of converting all currently eligible staff to permanent appointments, including the financial impact and the effects on workforce management;

13. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to submit a report to the General Assembly at its sixty-fifth session regarding the status of the review of staff members eligible for consideration as at 30 June 2009 for a permanent appointment;

14. *Further requests* the Secretary-General to ensure that the Staff Rules and related administrative issuances derived from the Staff Regulations comply with the provisions of its relevant resolutions;

15. *Requests* the Secretary-General to report on the provisional new Staff Rules for its consideration at the main part of its sixty-fourth session.

Annex

Additional modifications to the amendments to the Staff Regulations

Regulation 4.5

(c) A fixed-term appointment does not carry any expectancy, legal or otherwise, of renewal or conversion, irrespective of the length of service;

Regulation 9.3

(a) The Secretary-General may, giving the reasons therefor, terminate the appointment of a staff member who holds a temporary, fixed-term or continuing appointment in accordance with the terms of his or her appointment or for any of the following reasons:

(vi) In the interest of the good administration of the Organization and in accordance with the standards of the Charter, provided that the action is not contested by the staff member concerned;

(b) In addition, in the case of a staff member holding a continuing appointment, the Secretary-General may terminate the appointment without the consent of the staff member if, in the opinion of the Secretary-General, such action would be in the interest of the good administration of the Organization, to be interpreted principally as a change or termination of a mandate, and in accordance with the standards of the Charter;

(d) The Secretary-General may, where the circumstances warrant and he or she considers it justified, pay to a staff member terminated, provided that the termination is not contested, a termination indemnity payment not more than 50 per cent higher than that which would otherwise be payable under the Staff Regulations.

Annex I
Salary scales and related provisions

6. The Secretary-General shall fix the salary scales for staff members in the General Service and related categories, normally on the basis of the best prevailing conditions of employment in the locality of the United Nations Office concerned, provided that the Secretary-General may, where he or she deems it appropriate, establish rules and salary limits for payment of non-resident allowance to General Service staff members recruited from outside the local area. The gross pensionable remuneration of such staff shall be determined in accordance with the methodology specified in article 54 (a) of the Regulations of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund and are shown in the salary scales applicable to such staff.

Annex II
Letters of appointment

(viii) That a fixed-term appointment does not carry any expectancy, legal or otherwise, of renewal or conversion, irrespective of the length of service;

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Joint Inspection Unit

Draft resolution submitted by the Chairman of the Committee following informal consultations

Report of the Joint Inspection Unit for 2008 and programme of work for 2009

The General Assembly,

Reaffirming its previous resolutions on the Joint Inspection Unit, in particular resolutions 31/192 of 22 December 1976, 50/233 of 7 June 1996, 54/16 of 29 October 1999, 55/230 of 23 December 2000, 56/245 of 24 December 2001, 57/284 A and B of 20 December 2002, 58/286 of 8 April 2004, 59/267 of 23 December 2004, 60/258 of 8 May 2006, 61/238 of 22 December 2006, 61/260 of 4 April 2007, 62/226 of 22 December 2007 and 62/246 of 3 April 2008,

Reiterating that the impact of the Unit on the cost-effectiveness of activities within the United Nations system is a shared responsibility of the Member States, the Unit and the secretariats of the participating organizations,

Reaffirming the commitment by the Unit, the legislative organs and the secretariats of the participating organizations to implement a system of follow-up to the recommendations of the Unit, as set out in resolution 54/16,

Reaffirming also the statute of the Unit and the unique role of the Unit as the only external and independent system-wide inspection, evaluation and investigation body,

Having considered the report of the Joint Inspection Unit for 2008 and programme of work for 2009[1] and the note by the Secretary-General on the report of the Unit for 2008,[2]

1. *Recalls* its resolutions 61/260, 62/226 and 62/246;

[1] *Official Records of the General Assembly, Sixty-third Session, Supplement No. 34* (A/63/34) and Corr.1.
[2] A/63/731.

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2. *Takes note with appreciation* of the report of the Joint Inspection Unit for 2008 and programme of work for 2009;[1]

3. *Takes note* of the note by the Secretary-General;[2]

4. *Affirms* that oversight is a shared responsibility of Member States, the organizations and the internal and external oversight bodies;

5. *Welcomes* progress in the reform process of the Unit and its improved collaboration with participating organizations and other oversight bodies, and invites the Unit to report to the General Assembly at its sixty-fourth session on measures taken in this regard;

6. *Acknowledges* the Unit's undertaking to apply results-based management in its work;

7. *Requests* the Unit, in line with its mandate, to continue to focus its work and reports on system-wide issues of interest and relevance to the participating organizations and the States Members of the United Nations and to provide advice on ways to ensure the avoidance of duplication and more efficient and effective use of resources in implementing the mandates of the Organization;

8. *Reiterates its request* to the executive heads of the participating organizations to fully comply with the statutory procedures for consideration of the reports of the Unit and, in particular, to submit their comments and to distribute reports in time for their consideration by legislative organs;

9. *Reiterates its request* to the Secretary-General and the other executive heads of the participating organizations to fully assist the Unit with the timely provision of all information requested by it;

10. *Reiterates its invitation* to the legislative organs of the participating organizations to take concrete action on the recommendations of the Unit;

11. *Requests* the Secretary-General, in his capacity as Chairman of the United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination, to expedite the implementation of the present resolution, including through the expected provision of support to the Unit by the secretariats of the participating organizations in the preparation of its reports, notes and confidential letters, and the consideration of and action on the Unit's recommendations in the light of pertinent resolutions of the General Assembly, and to report to the Assembly on an annual basis on the results achieved;

12. *Notes with appreciation* the ongoing efforts of the Unit to report on the impacts of its recommendations, as illustrated in section E, chapter I, of its annual report,[1] and in this context requests the Unit, in coordination with participating organizations, to provide information on the improvement of the presentation of those impacts and their financial implications, wherever possible, in future annual reports;

13. *Invites* the Unit, in this context, to include in its annual report information on its experience in the implementation of the follow-up system by the participating organizations, and in this regard requests the Unit to continue working towards implementation of a web-based follow-up system to monitor the status of recommendations and receive updates from individual organizations;

14. *Recalls* paragraph 17 of its resolution 62/246, and encourages the Secretary-General, in his capacity as Chairman of the Chief Executives Board, to continue enhancing the dialogue of the Board with the Joint Inspection Unit, including, where appropriate, through the invitation to participate in the meetings of its Committees and networks;

15. *Welcomes* the coordination of the Unit with the Board of Auditors and the Office of Internal Oversight Services of the Secretariat, and encourages those bodies to continue sharing experiences, knowledge, best practices and lessons learned with other United Nations audit and oversight bodies as well as with the Independent Audit Advisory Committee;

16. *Requests* the Secretary-General, to expedite the appointment of the Executive Secretary of the Joint Inspection Unit, after consultation with the Joint Inspection Unit and the Chief Executives Board, in full accordance with article 19 of the statute of the Unit as well as the relevant provisions of the General Assembly resolutions regarding staff selection;

17. *Acknowledges* the undertaking by the Unit of a medium- and long-term strategy approach for 2010-2019, as contained in annex III of its report, stresses the need for the Unit to continuously update and improve its medium- and long-term strategy for 2010-2019, taking into account the dynamics and challenges of the environment in which it undertakes its activities, and decides to consider any resources associated with the implementation of the medium- and long-term strategy approach in the context of future programme budgets;

18. *Encourages* the Unit to keep the General Assembly informed, if necessary, about any difficulty or delay in obtaining visas for the official travel of the inspectors, as well as members of its secretariat.

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Financing of the United Nations Mission in the Sudan

Draft resolution submitted by the Vice-Chairman of the Committee following informal consultations

Financing of the United Nations Mission in the Sudan

The General Assembly,

Having considered the note by the Secretary-General on the financing arrangements for the United Nations Mission in the Sudan[1] and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[2]

Recalling Security Council resolution 1812 (2008) of 30 April 2008, in which the Council decided to extend the mandate of the Mission until 30 April 2009,

Recalling also its resolution 62/267 of 20 June 2008 on the financing of the Mission,

1. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[2] and requests the Secretary-General to ensure their full implementation;

Budget estimates for the period from 1 July 2008 to 30 June 2009

2. *Decides* to appropriate to the Special Account for the United Nations Mission in the Sudan the amount of 56,173,100 United States dollars for the maintenance of the Mission for the period from 1 July 2008 to 30 June 2009, in addition to the amount of 820,720,600 dollars already appropriated for the maintenance of the Mission for the period from 1 July 2008 to 30 June 2009 under the terms of its resolution 62/267;

[1] A/63/756.
[2] A/63/777.

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Financing of the appropriation

3. *Decides*, taking into account the amount of 715,642,666 dollars already apportioned under the terms of its resolution 62/267 for the period from 1 July 2008 to 30 April 2009, to apportion among Member States the additional amount of 42,129,825 dollars for the period from 1 July 2008 to 30 April 2009, in accordance with the levels updated in General Assembly resolution 61/243 of 22 December 2006, and taking into account the scale of assessments for 2008 and 2009, as set out in its resolution 61/237 of 22 December 2006;

4. *Also decides* that, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 973 (X) of 15 December 1955, there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraph 3 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of 973,833 dollars, representing the increase in the estimated staff assessment income approved for the Mission for the period from 1 July 2008 to 30 April 2009;

5. *Further decides*, taking into account the amount of 143,128,534 dollars already apportioned under the terms of its resolution 62/267 for the period from 1 May to 30 June 2009, to apportion among Member States the additional amount of 8,425,965 dollars at a monthly rate of 4,212,982 dollars for the period from 1 May to 30 June 2009, in accordance with the levels updated in General Assembly resolution 61/243, and taking into account the scale of assessments for 2009, as set out in its resolution 61/237, subject to a decision of the Security Council to extend the mandate of the Mission;

6. *Decides* that, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 973 (X), there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraph 5 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of 194,767 dollars, representing the increase in the estimated staff assessment income approved for the Mission for the period from 1 May to 30 June 2009;

7. *Also decides* to keep under review during its sixty-third session the item entitled "Financing of the United Nations Mission in the Sudan".

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Financing of activities arising from Security Council resolution 1863 (2009)

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Financing of activities arising from Security Council resolution 1863 (2009)

The General Assembly,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the financing of support for the African Union Mission in Somalia[1] and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[2]

Recalling Security Council resolution 1863 (2009) of 16 January 2009, in which the Council expressed its intent to establish a United Nations peacekeeping operation in Somalia as a follow-on force to the African Union Mission in Somalia, subject to the Council's further decision by 1 June 2009, and requested the Secretary-General, in order for the forces of the African Union Mission in Somalia to be incorporated into a United Nations peacekeeping operation, to provide a United Nations logistical support package to the African Union Mission in Somalia, including equipment and services,

Recognizing that the costs of this support to the African Union Mission in Somalia are expenses of the Organization to be borne by Member States in accordance with Article 17, paragraph 2, of the Charter of the United Nations,

Recalling that in its resolution 1863 (2009), the Security Council requested the Secretary-General to submit a report on a United Nations peacekeeping operation by 15 April 2009,

1. *Requests* the Secretary-General to make the fullest possible use of facilities and equipment at the United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi, Italy, in order to minimize the costs of procurement for the logistical support package;

[1] A/63/758.
[2] A/63/780.

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2. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[2] subject to the provisions of the present resolution, and requests the Secretary-General to ensure their full implementation;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General to take appropriate measures to ensure effectiveness, efficiency and transparency with regard to the use of United Nations resources, bearing in mind the specific nature of the support package;

Estimates for the period from 1 May 2007 to 30 June 2009

4. *Authorizes* the Secretary-General to establish a special account for the support provided to the African Union Mission in Somalia, for the purpose of accounting for the income received and the expenditure incurred;

5. *Also authorizes* the Secretary-General to enter into commitments for the support of the African Union Mission in Somalia for the period from 1 May 2007 to 30 June 2009 in a total amount not exceeding 77,790,900 United States dollars, inclusive of the amount of 50,000,000 dollars previously authorized by the Advisory Committee under the terms of section IV of General Assembly resolution 49/233 A of 23 December 1994, which comprises the amount of 2,149,000 dollars for the period from 1 May 2007 to 30 June 2008 and the amount of 47,851,000 dollars for the period from 1 July 2008 to 30 June 2009;

Financing of the commitment authority

6. *Decides* to apportion among Member States the amount of 2,149,000 dollars for the period from 1 May 2007 to 30 June 2008, in accordance with the levels updated in General Assembly resolution 61/243 of 22 December 2006, and taking into account the scale of assessments for 2007 and 2008, as set out in its resolution 61/237 of 22 December 2006;

7. *Also decides* that, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 973 (X) of 15 December 1955, there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraph 6 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of 290,387 dollars, representing the estimated staff assessment income approved for the period from 1 May 2007 to 30 June 2008;

8. *Further decides* to apportion among Member States the amount of 69,338,401 dollars for the period from 1 July 2008 to 31 May 2009, in accordance with the levels updated in General Assembly resolution 61/243, and taking into account the scale of assessments for 2008 and 2009, as set out in its resolution 61/237;

9. *Decides* that, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 973 (X), there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraph 8 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of 239,250 dollars, representing the estimated staff assessment income approved for the period from 1 July 2008 to 31 May 2009;

10. *Also decides* to apportion among Member States the amount of 6,303,499 dollars for the period from 1 to 30 June 2009, in accordance with the levels updated in General Assembly resolution 61/243, and taking into account the scale of

assessments for 2008 and 2009, as set out in its resolution 61/237, subject to a decision of the Security Council to extend the mandate;

11. *Further decides* that, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 973 (X), there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraph 10 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of 21,750 dollars, representing the estimated staff assessment income approved for the period from 1 to 30 June 2009, subject to a decision of the Security Council to extend the mandate;

12. *Invites* voluntary contributions to the United Nations Trust Fund established to support the African Union Mission in Somalia;

13. *Decides* to keep under review during its sixty-third session the item entitled "Financing of activities arising from Security Council resolution 1863 (2009)".

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Programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009

Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations

Draft resolution submitted by the Chairman of the Committee following informal consultations

Accountability framework, enterprise risk management and internal control framework, and results-based management framework

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 59/272 of 23 December 2004 and 60/254 of May 2006, section I of its resolution 60/260 of 8 May 2006, its resolution 60/283 of 7 July 2006, paragraph 4 of its resolution 61/245 of 22 December 2006, paragraph 22 of its resolution 62/236 of 22 December 2007 and paragraphs 15 and 16 of its resolution 62/250 of 20 June 2008,

Recalling also its resolutions 55/231 of 23 December 2000, 56/253 of 24 December 2001, 57/290 B of 18 June 2003 and 59/296 of 22 June 2005 and paragraph 2 of its resolution 60/257 of 8 May 2006,

Aware of the significant flaws in terms of internal monitoring, inspection and accountability regarding, for example, the management of the United Nations oil-for-food programme,

Noting that since its sixtieth session, the General Assembly has included in its agenda the item entitled "Follow-up to the recommendations on administrative management and internal oversight of the Independent Inquiry Committee into the United Nations Oil-for-Food Programme",

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the accountability framework, enterprise risk management and internal control framework, and results-based management framework,[1] and the related report of the Advisory Committee

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on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[2] as well as the related section of the report of the Independent Audit Advisory Committee on the activities of the Independent Audit Advisory Committee for the period from 1 January to 31 July 2008,[3]

Having also considered the report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on the review of results-based management in the United Nations,[4] and the report of the Joint Inspection Unit on results-based management in the United Nations in the context of the reform process[5] and the comments of the Secretary-General thereon,[6]

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on the accountability framework, enterprise risk management and internal control framework, and results-based management framework,[1] and the related section of the report of the Independent Audit Advisory Committee;[3]

2. *Also takes note* of the reports of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on the review of results-based management in the United Nations,[4] and the report of the Joint Inspection Unit on results-based management in the United Nations in the context of the reform process[5] and the comments of the Secretary-General thereon;[6]

3. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[2] subject to the provisions of the present resolution;

4. *Reaffirms* its commitment to strengthening accountability in the Secretariat and the accountability of the Secretary-General to Member States and the achievement of results and emphasizes the importance of establishing real, effective and efficient mechanisms that foster institutional and personal accountability;

5. *Stresses* that accountability is a central pillar of effective and efficient management that requires attention at the highest level;

6. *Reaffirms* paragraph 2 of its resolution 60/257 in which it endorsed the benchmarking framework for the implementation of results-based management in the United Nations, and that the implementation of any proposal on the accountability of the Secretariat to Member States shall in no way call into question the sole prerogative of Member States in respect of defining the roles and responsibilities of the intergovernmental bodies and oversight bodies for results-based management, including all aspects of programme planning, budgeting, monitoring and evaluation;

7. *Strongly urges* the Secretary-General to respect the sole prerogative of Member States regarding the application of the proposed actions included in paragraph 86 of his report,[7] in particular principle 4, and requests him to refrain from redefining the roles and responsibilities of the intergovernmental bodies and oversight bodies for results-based management, including all aspects of programme planning, budgeting, monitoring and evaluation;

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[2] A/63/457.
[3] A/63/328, sect. III.D.
[4] A/63/268.
[5] A/61/805.
[6] See A/62/704.
[7] A/62/701 and Corr.1.

8. *Decides* not to endorse the proposed accountability framework;

9. *Requests* the Secretary-General to present to the General Assembly, for its consideration at the first part of its resumed sixty-fourth session, in consultation with the respective oversight bodies, drawing on the expertise of relevant United Nations entities and taking fully into account all relevant resolutions on accountability, a comprehensive report including, inter alia:

(a) A clear definition of accountability and proposals on accountability mechanisms, including clear parameters for their application and the instruments for their rigorous enforcement, without exceptions at any level, and a clear definition of roles and responsibilities;

(b) Clear and specific measures to ensure the access of Member States to timely and reliable information on results achieved and resources used by the United Nations Secretariat, as well as its performance including on measures to improve performance, reporting;

(c) Concrete measures to ensure the timely implementation of the recommendations of the oversight bodies;

(d) Measures to strengthen personal accountability within the Secretariat and institutional accountability towards Member States on the results achieved and resources used;

(e) Measures to ensure transparency in the selection and appointment process of senior managers, including at the Assistant Secretary-General and Under-Secretary-General levels;

(f) Concrete proposals on the reform of the performance appraisal system, taking fully into account the views of staff, as well as on sanctions for under-performance and rewards for outstanding performance to be applied for staff and senior management, including at the Assistant Secretary-General and Under-Secretary-General levels;

(g) A clear definition of responsibilities resulting from the delegation of authority, and clear guidelines for programme managers for exercising that authority and actions to improve the system of the delegation of authority, including, inter alia, through systematic reporting mechanisms on how the delegated authority is exercised;

(h) Measures taken to implement the results-based management framework, including measures taken by the Secretary-General to strengthen the senior management's leadership and commitment to promoting and supporting a culture of results in the United Nations, as well as a common understanding of results-based management and its implications;

(i) Scope, parameters and time frame for the application of a reliable results-based management information system, including detailed information on its compatibility with existing and projected information management systems;

(j) A proposed detailed plan and road map for the implementation of the enterprise risk management and internal control framework;

(k) An explanation of how the measures to strengthen the Secretariat's accountability mechanisms would address the significant flaws in terms of internal

monitoring, inspection and accountability regarding the management of the United Nations oil-for-food programme;

10. *Approves*, under the programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009, the creation of one position at the P-4 level under section 28A, Office of the Under-Secretary-General for Management, to be financed under general temporary assistance for nine months, the primary objective being the preparation of the report referred to in paragraph 9 above, to be submitted in the context of the second performance report on the programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009;

11. *Also approves*, under the programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009, the redeployment of two posts (one P-4 and one General Service (Principal-level)) from section 29, Internal oversight, to section 28A, Office of the Under-Secretary-General for Management, as well as the amount of 24,000 United States dollars in non-post resources;

12. *Takes note* of paragraph 38 of the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions with regard to the pilot project referred to in paragraph 104 (b) of the report of the Secretary-General;

13. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit a report, to be considered by the Fifth Committee at the first part of its resumed sixty-fourth session, on the modalities to be applied regarding the sharing of information contained in consultants' reports on management-related issues;

14. *Decides* that the consultants' reports referred to in paragraph 13 above are to be made available by the Secretary-General, upon the request of Member States, subject to approval by the General Assembly of the modalities to be applied;

15. *Notes* the existing practice of informal sharing of consultants' reports, and decides that the Secretary-General is to continue this practice, pending a decision on the report mentioned in paragraph 13 above;

16. *Requests* the Secretary-General to entrust the Office of Internal Oversight Services with carrying out a review of the practices of the Secretariat in this regard;

17. *Invites* the Sixth Committee to consider the legal aspects of the report of the Secretary-General entitled "Information-sharing practices between the United Nations and national law enforcement authorities, as well as referrals of possible criminal cases related to United Nations staff, United Nations officials and experts on mission",[8] without prejudice to the role of the Fifth Committee as the Main Committee of the General Assembly responsible for administrative and budgetary matters.

[8] A/63/331

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Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations

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Accountability framework, enterprise risk management and internal control framework, and results-based management framework

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 59/272 of 23 December 2004 and 60/254 of May 2006, section I of its resolution 60/260 of 8 May 2006, its resolution 60/283 of 7 July 2006, paragraph 4 of its resolution 61/245 of 22 December 2006, paragraph 22 of its resolution 62/236 of 22 December 2007 and paragraphs 15 and 16 of its resolution 62/250 of 20 June 2008,

Recalling also its resolutions 55/231 of 23 December 2000, 56/253 of 24 December 2001, 57/290 B of 18 June 2003 and 59/296 of 22 June 2005 and paragraph 2 of its resolution 60/257 of 8 May 2006,

Aware of the significant flaws in terms of internal monitoring, inspection and accountability regarding, for example, the management of the United Nations oil-for-food programme,

Noting that since its sixtieth session, the General Assembly has included in its agenda the item entitled "Follow-up to the recommendations on administrative management and internal oversight of the Independent Inquiry Committee into the United Nations Oil-for-Food Programme",

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the accountability framework, enterprise risk management and internal control framework, and results-based management framework,[1] and the related report of the Advisory Committee

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on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[2] as well as the related section of the report of the Independent Audit Advisory Committee on the activities of the Independent Audit Advisory Committee for the period from 1 January to 31 July 2008,[3]

Having also considered the report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on the review of results-based management in the United Nations,[4] and the report of the Joint Inspection Unit on results-based management in the United Nations in the context of the reform process[5] and the comments of the Secretary-General thereon,[6]

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on the accountability framework, enterprise risk management and internal control framework, and results-based management framework,[1] and the related section of the report of the Independent Audit Advisory Committee;[3]

2. *Also takes note* of the reports of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on the review of results-based management in the United Nations,[4] and the report of the Joint Inspection Unit on results-based management in the United Nations in the context of the reform process[5] and the comments of the Secretary-General thereon;[6]

3. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[2] subject to the provisions of the present resolution;

4. *Reaffirms* its commitment to strengthening accountability in the Secretariat and the accountability of the Secretary-General to Member States and the achievement of results and emphasizes the importance of establishing real, effective and efficient mechanisms that foster institutional and personal accountability;

5. *Stresses* that accountability is a central pillar of effective and efficient management that requires attention at the highest level;

6. *Reaffirms* paragraph 2 of its resolution 60/257 in which it endorsed the benchmarking framework for the implementation of results-based management in the United Nations, and that the implementation of any proposal on the accountability of the Secretariat to Member States shall in no way call into question the sole prerogative of Member States in respect of defining the roles and responsibilities of the intergovernmental bodies and oversight bodies for results-based management, including all aspects of programme planning, budgeting, monitoring and evaluation;

7. *Strongly urges* the Secretary-General to respect the sole prerogative of Member States regarding the application of the proposed actions included in paragraph 86 of his report,[7] in particular principle 4, and requests him to refrain from redefining the roles and responsibilities of the intergovernmental bodies and oversight bodies for results-based management, including all aspects of programme planning, budgeting, monitoring and evaluation;

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[2] A/63/457.
[3] A/63/328, sect. III.D.
[4] A/63/268.
[5] A/61/805.
[6] See A/62/704.
[7] A/62/701 and Corr.1.

8. *Decides* not to endorse the proposed accountability framework;

9. *Requests* the Secretary-General to present to the General Assembly, for its consideration at the first part of its resumed sixty-fourth session, in consultation with the respective oversight bodies, drawing on the expertise of relevant United Nations entities and taking fully into account all relevant resolutions on accountability, a comprehensive report including, inter alia:

(a) A clear definition of accountability and proposals on accountability mechanisms, including clear parameters for their application and the instruments for their rigorous enforcement, without exceptions at any level, and a clear definition of roles and responsibilities;

(b) Clear and specific measures to ensure the access of Member States to timely and reliable information on results achieved and resources used by the United Nations Secretariat, as well as its performance including on measures to improve performance, reporting;

(c) Concrete measures to ensure the timely implementation of the recommendations of the oversight bodies;

(d) Measures to strengthen personal accountability within the Secretariat and institutional accountability towards Member States on the results achieved and resources used;

(e) Measures to ensure transparency in the selection and appointment process of senior managers, including at the Assistant Secretary-General and Under-Secretary-General levels;

(f) Concrete proposals on the reform of the performance appraisal system, taking fully into account the views of staff, as well as on sanctions for under-performance and rewards for outstanding performance to be applied for staff and senior management, including at the Assistant Secretary-General and Under-Secretary-General levels;

(g) A clear definition of responsibilities resulting from the delegation of authority, and clear guidelines for programme managers for exercising that authority and actions to improve the system of the delegation of authority, including, inter alia, through systematic reporting mechanisms on how the delegated authority is exercised;

(h) Measures taken to implement the results-based management framework, including measures taken by the Secretary-General to strengthen the senior management's leadership and commitment to promoting and supporting a culture of results in the United Nations, as well as a common understanding of results-based management and its implications;

(i) Scope, parameters and time frame for the application of a reliable results-based management information system, including detailed information on its compatibility with existing and projected information management systems;

(j) A proposed detailed plan and road map for the implementation of the enterprise risk management and internal control framework;

(k) An explanation of how the measures to strengthen the Secretariat's accountability mechanisms would address the significant flaws in terms of internal

monitoring, inspection and accountability regarding the management of the United Nations oil-for-food programme;

10. *Approves*, under the programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009, the creation of one position at the P-4 level under section 28A, Office of the Under-Secretary-General for Management, to be financed under general temporary assistance for nine months, the primary objective being the preparation of the report referred to in paragraph 9 above, and to be reported in the context of the second performance report on the programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009;

11. *Also approves*, under the programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009, the redeployment of two posts (one P-4 and one General Service (Principal-level)) from section 29, Internal oversight, to section 28A, Office of the Under-Secretary-General for Management, as well as the amount of 24,000 United States dollars in non-post resources;

12. *Takes note* of paragraph 38 of the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions with regard to the pilot project referred to in paragraph 104 (b) of the report of the Secretary-General;

13. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit a report, to be considered by the Fifth Committee at the first part of its resumed sixty-fourth session, on the modalities to be applied regarding the sharing of information contained in consultants' reports on management-related issues;

14. *Decides* that the consultants' reports referred to in paragraph 13 above are to be made available by the Secretary-General, upon the request of Member States, subject to approval by the General Assembly of the modalities to be applied;

15. *Notes* the existing practice of informal sharing of consultants' reports, and decides that the Secretary-General is to continue this practice, pending a decision on the report mentioned in paragraph 13 above;

16. *Requests* the Secretary-General to entrust the Office of Internal Oversight Services with carrying out a review of the practices of the Secretariat in this regard;

17. *Invites* the Sixth Committee to consider the legal aspects of the report of the Secretary-General entitled "Information-sharing practices between the United Nations and national law enforcement authorities, as well as referrals of possible criminal cases related to United Nations staff, United Nations officials and experts on mission",[8] without prejudice to the role of the Fifth Committee as the Main Committee of the General Assembly responsible for administrative and budgetary matters.

[8] A/63/331.

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Financing of the United Nations Mission in the Central African Republic and Chad

Draft resolution submitted by the Chairman of the Committee following informal consultations

Financing of the United Nations Mission in the Central African Republic and Chad

The General Assembly,

Having considered the note by the Secretary-General on the financing arrangements for the United Nations Mission in the Central African Republic and Chad[1] and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[2]

Recalling Security Council resolution 1861 (2009) of 14 January 2009, in which the Council decided to extend the mandate of the Mission until 15 March 2010, authorized the deployment of a military component of the United Nations Mission in the Central African Republic and Chad to follow up the European Union-led military force in both Chad and the Central African Republic at the end of its mandate, decided that the transfer of authority between the European Union-led military force and the military component of the Mission would take place on 15 March 2009, and also decided that the Mission should include a maximum of three hundred police officers, twenty-five military liaison officers, five thousand two hundred military personnel, and an appropriate number of civilian personnel,

1. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[2] subject to the provisions of the present resolution, and requests the Secretary-General to ensure their full implementation;

[1] A/63/727
[2] A/63/768

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Budget estimates for the period from 1 July 2008 to 30 June 2009

2. *Authorizes* the Secretary-General to enter into commitments for the United Nations Mission in the Central African Republic and Chad for the period from 1 July 2008 to 30 June 2009 in a total amount not exceeding 139,671,300 dollars, inclusive of the amount of 49,868,400 dollars previously authorized by the Advisory Committee under the terms of section IV of General Assembly resolution 49/233 A of 23 December 1994 and in addition to the amount of 301,124,200 dollars already appropriated for the maintenance of the Mission for the period from 1 July 2008 to 30 June 2009 under the terms of its resolution 62/233 B of 20 June 2008;

Financing of the commitment authority

3. *Decides* to apportion among Member States the amount of 139,671,300 dollars for the period from 1 July 2008 to 30 June 2009, in accordance with the levels updated in General Assembly resolution 61/243 of 22 December 2006, and taking into account the scale of assessments for 2008 and 2009, as set out in its resolution 61/237 of 22 December 2006;

4. *Also decides* to keep under review during its sixty-third session the item entitled "Financing of the United Nations Mission in the Central African Republic and Chad"

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Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations

Draft decision submitted by the Chairman

Questions deferred for future consideration

A

The General Assembly decides to defer until the second resumed part of its sixty-third session consideration of the following agenda item and related document:

Item 117
Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations

Report of the Independent Audit Advisory Committee on vacant posts in the Office of Internal Oversight Services[1]

B

The General Assembly decides to defer until its sixty-fourth session consideration of the following documents:

Item 118
Programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Joint Inspection Unit on a common payroll for United Nations system organizations[2]

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting his comments and those of the United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination on the report of the Joint Inspection Unit on a common payroll for United Nations system organizations[3]

[1] A/63/737
[2] A/60/582
[3] A/60/582/Add.1

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Report of the Secretary-General on the conditions of service and compensation for officials, other than Secretariat officials, serving the General Assembly: full-time members of the International Civil Service Commission and the Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions[4]

Report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions on the conditions of service and compensation for officials, other than Secretariat officials, serving the General Assembly: full-time members of the International Civil Service Commission and the Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions[5]

Item 122
Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations

Reports of the Committee on Contributions[6]

Reports of the Secretary-General on multi-year payment plans[7]

C

The General Assembly decides to defer until the first resumed part of its sixty-fourth session consideration of the following agenda item and related documents:

Item 118
Programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009

Report of the Secretary-General on the financing of the core diplomatic training activities of the United Nations Institute for Training and Research[8]

Report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions on the financing of the core diplomatic training activities of the United Nations Institute for Training and Research[9]

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[4] A/63/354.
[5] A/63/726.
[6] *Official Records of the General Assembly, Sixty-second Session, Supplement No. 11* (A/62/11) and *Sixty-third Session, Supplement No. 11* (A/63/11).
[7] A/62/70 and A/63/68.
[8] A/63/592.
[9] A/63/744.